

09/941,166

- 14 -

REMARKS

Claim Amendment

Claims 4, 9, 26 and 31 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Support for this amendment is found on page 7, line 22 of the specifications as filed.

Claim 23 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Support for this amendment can be found on page 10, lines 5-15, page 11, lines 11-13, page 12, line 4 and original Claim 7.

Claim 45 has been amended to recite "epoxide difunctional monomer". Support for this amendment is found on page 14, line 8 and Example 8 on page 32.

This amendment introduces no new matter.

Summary of the Telephone Conversation

A telephone conversation between Examiner Ba K. Trinh, representing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Steven G. Davis, Esq., representing the Applicants, took place on March 19, 2004.

In the course of the interview, the Examiner suggested amendments to Claims 4, 9, 26 and 31 as well as Claim 23 to further define the claimed invention.

Applicants agreed to amend the application as suggested by the Examiner.

09/941,166

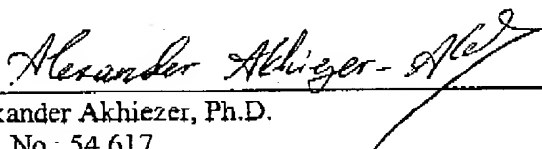
- 15 -

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (2-11, 23-33 and 45-51) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By Alexander Akhiezer - 
Alexander Akhiezer, Ph.D.
Reg. No.: 54,617
Telephone: (978) 341-0036
Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133
Dated: 3/22/04